



How and Why You Should Volunteer With a Professional Organization

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Objectives

- Review the structure of the board, councils and committees within the AAPM
- Suggest opportunities for volunteering in AAPM activities
- Describe volunteer opportunities with other organizations
- Explain benefits to volunteering with an organization
- Brief introduction to the AAPM website

Board of Directors



Board of Directors

- Current roster contains the following members:

- Chair of the board (1)
- Organization officers (4)
- Executive director (1)
- Council chairs and vice-chairs (8)
- Chapter reps (21)
- Members -at-large (12)
- Governing board members/AIP (2)
- Consultant (1)



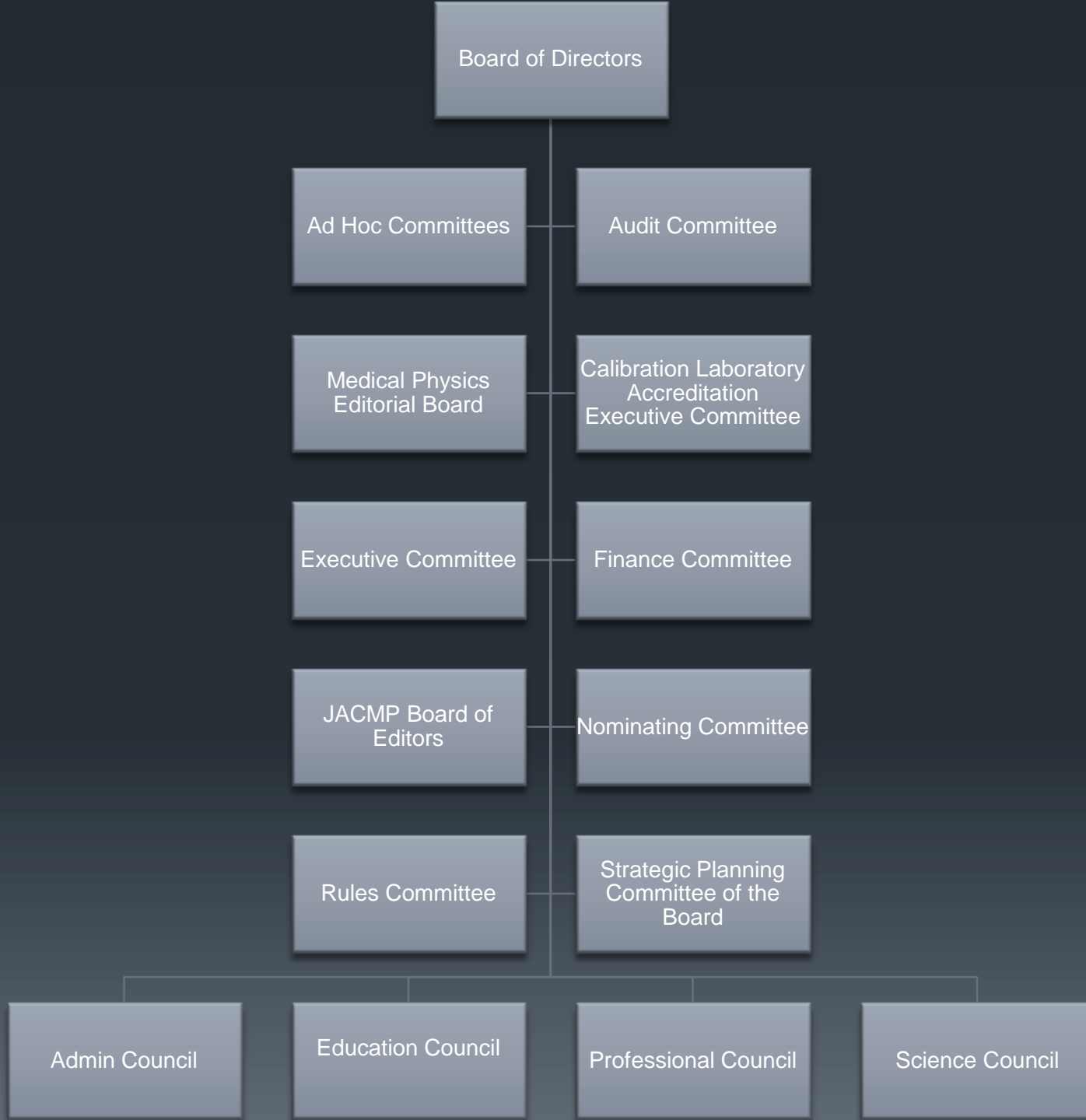
EXCM –
Executive
Committee



Board of Directors

- Responsibilities

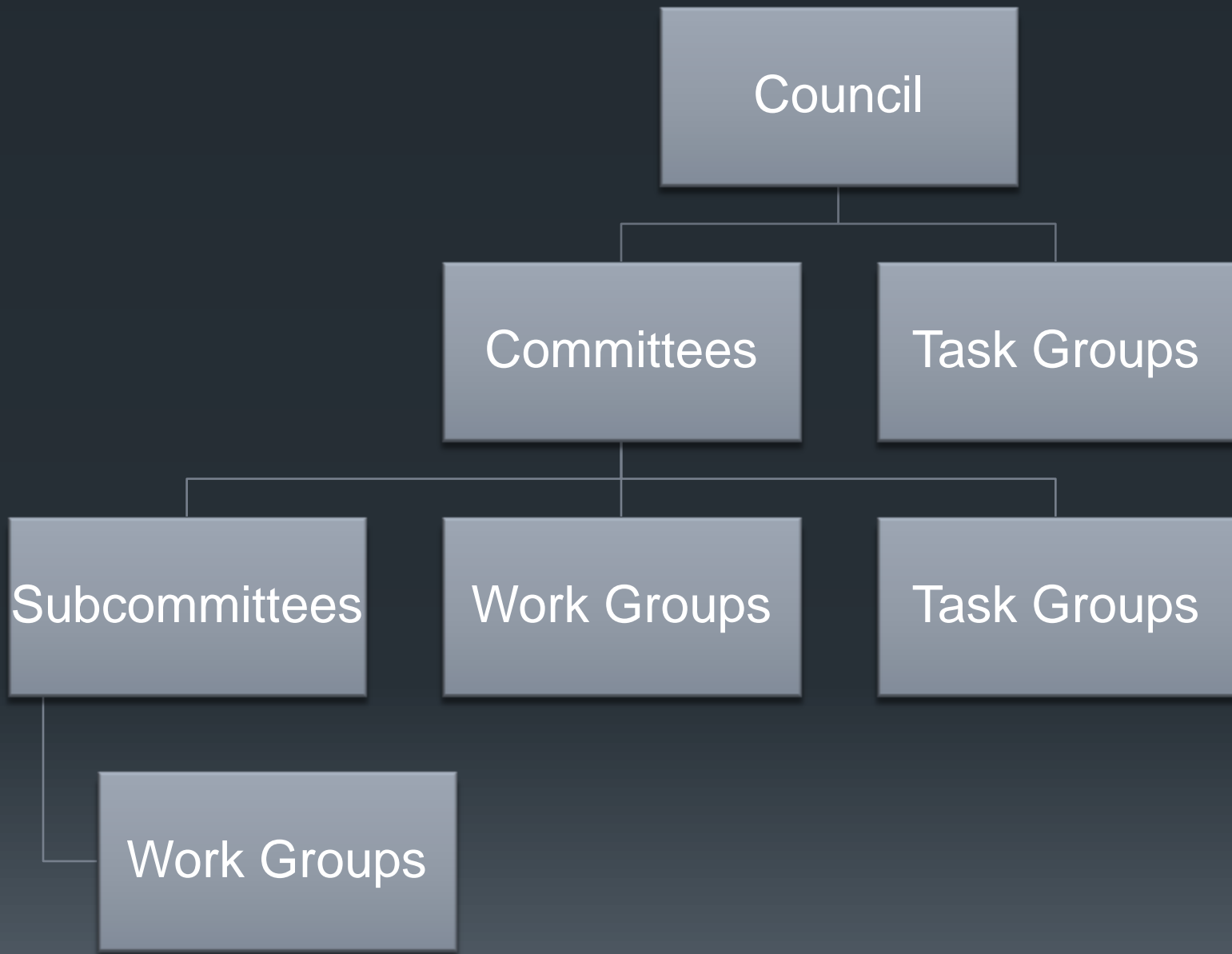
- Affairs of the organization – must approve all obligations (financial or otherwise)
- Must approve presidential appointments
- Appoints an executive director
- Must approve an operating budget for each fiscal year (calendar)
- Adopts policies and procedures
 - Statements of policy, philosophy, and opinion for the position of AAPM
- Meets at least twice per year





Councils

- Administrative
 - communicates administrative information to the board
 - oversees main mechanisms for communication with members
 - projects revenue streams over a 3-5 year period and considers options to grow revenue for the Association
- Education, Professional/Science
 - acts as a clearinghouse for educational/professional/science inquiries from members or outside groups
 - consider and make recommendations of educational/professional/science policy to the Board
 - formulates charges for the guidance and direction of the categorical educational/professional/science committees





AAPM Committee Tree

*We advance the science,
education and professional
practice of medical physics*

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AAPM

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**Approved
Date(s)** Start: n/a

**Committee
Keywords:** BRD

- ⊕ **Board of Directors** [Status]
 - ⊕ Administrative Council [Status]
 - Ad Hoc Committee - AAPM & SNMMI Joint Task Force [Status]
 - Ad Hoc Committee on External Communications [Status]
 - Ad Hoc Committee on Journal Publications [Status]
 - Ad Hoc Committee on Corporate Relations [Status]
 - Ad Hoc Committee on Headquarters Space Needs [Status]
 - Ad Hoc Committee on Meetings Strategy [Status]
 - Audit Committee [Status]
 - ⊕ Medical Physics Editorial Board [Status]
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 - ⊕ Professional Council [Status]
 - Rules Committee [Status]
 - ⊕ Science Council [Status]
 - Strategic Planning Committee of the Board [Status]

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Chair



Gary Ezzell
Chair of the Board



How to get involved with the AAPM?

- Local chapter
- Watch the “Yellow Book” ads
- Attend committee meetings
- Propose an idea for a new committee, subcommittee, or WG
- Email the chair and/or vice-chair
- Look for other opportunities outside the general committee structure – one example is being a summer undergraduate fellowship mentor
 - <http://www.aapm.org/education/SUFP/default.asp>

ABR

- www.theabr.org/volunteer-mp

	Activity	Time Commitment	Travel	Method	Colleague Interaction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write test questions for initial qualifying exams	From 10-25 hours each year; three-year term	No	Web-based submission	Feedback from one or two individuals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve as examiner for (oral) final certifying exam	Five days first week of June; one-time commitment plus opportunity to state preference for frequency of reinvitation	Yes: Louisville KY	First day orientation session, followed by two-four full days of examining 13-16 candidates/day in subspecialty	15-20 colleagues in same subspecialty, plus 175+ total diagnostic radiologists serving on examiner panels together; additional social opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve as committee member for Maintenance of Certification exam-development committee	One in person meeting, One-two electronic meetings per year (three-year term)	Yes: <u>Tucson AZ</u>	Committee meeting combined with follow-up submitted electronically	Committee of colleagues in same specialty meets in person and electronically over three years
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Reviewer for Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) for the Maintenance of Certification program	One-two hours (avg.) per review, one-six times per year; three-year term	None	E-mail exchange; some FTP exchange for larger files	Occasional electronic contact with other reviewers in same subspecialty

Accreditation Reviewers Needed for Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, PET, MRI and CT

The ACR urgently needs clinical reviewers for the ultrasound accreditation program. The training will take place in the spring. In addition, clinical and phantom reviewers for the nuclear medicine, PET, MRI and CT accreditation programs are also needed. This training will take place later this year. Successful candidates will be compensated for participation as a reviewer.

The commitment of experienced professionals to participate in clinical and physics reviews is crucial to the accreditation process and the delivery of the highest quality patient care. As the accreditation programs grow, the need for reviewers is even more critical and requires additional support from the professional community.

Reviewers are required to be ACR members, board certified (ABR, ABNM or ABMP as appropriate) and must meet accreditation program requirements for an interpreting physician or medical physicist in the diagnostic modality being reviewed.

In addition, physicians and physicists must have a minimum five years of experience and be part of an active practice with at least 50 percent of that practice in the modality being reviewed.


Qualified candidates will be required to participate in a one-day training program (site to be determined) regarding the image evaluation process (candidates will be reimbursed for travel and lodging).

If interested, please submit your CV and indicate the program(s) that you would like to review to Michelle Roseberry at mroseberry@acr.org. You can also reach Michelle at 1-800-227-5463, ext. 4396.

The success of ACR's programs and projects is directly linked to the tremendous efforts of its members who step forward to serve their colleagues and their patients.

We appreciate your continued support and look for your favorable response to our urgent request for reviewers.

- Surveyor opportunities – one way is to be invited after completing an accreditation process



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ASTROgram: Volunteer surveyors needed for practice accreditation program

ASTRO needs more surveyors to meet the increasing demand for practice accreditation. Accreditation not only improves the quality and safety of radiation oncology practice but the process itself enriches the surveyor. Being a surveyor affords you the opportunity to share your knowledge and expertise beyond your own practice, the ability to receive a first-hand look at other facilities and their services, and the chance to strengthen your commitment to quality of care and patient safety. All surveyors are volunteers but are compensated for their travel expenses and receive an honorarium. For information on becoming a site surveyor, please contact Kathy Thomas at kathyt@astro.org. For information on the accreditation program, please visit www.astro.org/targetsafely.

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ACR Technical Standards/Practice Guidelines

- Open comment period for ACR and AAPM members



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Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards



Practice Guidelines & Technical Standards

The American College of Radiology, with more than 30,000 members, is the principal organization of radiologists, radiation oncologists, and clinical medical physicists in the United States. The College is a nonprofit professional society whose primary purposes are to advance the science of radiology, improve radiologic services to the patient, study the socioeconomic aspects of the practice of radiology, and encourage continuing education for radiologists, radiation oncologists, medical physicists, and persons practicing in allied professional fields. [Read More](#)

Preamble

These guidelines are an educational tool designed to assist practitioners in providing appropriate radiologic care for patients. They are not inflexible rules or requirements of practice and are not intended, nor should they be used, to establish a legal standard of care. For these reasons and those set forth below, the American College of Radiology cautions against the use of these guidelines in litigation in which the clinical decisions of a practitioner are called into question. [Read more](#)

Field Review – Comment on Draft Guidelines

The field review process provides time for all ACR members to offer thoughtful comments about the Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards

[Online Commenting](#)

[A Brief Description of the Field Review Process](#)

Practice Guidelines by Modality

PRACTICE GUIDELINES describe recommended conduct in specific areas of clinical practice. They are based on analysis of current literature, expert opinion, open forum commentary, and informal consensus. Guidelines are not intended to be legal



Why Do It?

- “To become a stronger professional (by learning skills one wouldn’t acquire in a typical clinical job) while contributing something to the profession.”
- “Everyone should think about a place of service.”
- “I have a strong interest in education.”
- “I realized that the bottom line is about giving back.”



Why Do It?

- “My top three benefits-
 1. Networking (helps to know people to ask questions, future job growth, research collaborations)
 2. Skill set (financial budgets, meeting planning, negotiating during committee meetings)
 3. A way to give back to those who have directly and indirectly helped me in becoming a better medical physicist”




Why Do It?

- “I enjoy serving the broader community, especially our patients. I feel we can have a bigger impact on patient safety and quality by working together.”
- “I enjoy working with colleagues at other institutions, especially because I have worked at the same institution for 20 years.”
- “It’s a great opportunity to share ideas and learn from others.”



Why Do It?

- “This is an opportunity to spend ‘quality time’ with people who have or will shape the profession.”
- “It allows the younger person an opportunity to not only become professional acquaintances, but to also develop personal relationships.”



Other physics-related organizations

- Radiological Society of North America
- Health Physics Society
- Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors
- American Society for Radiation Oncology
- Society of Nuclear Medicine
- American Brachytherapy Society